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In Re Application of: Nogawa et al.

Serial No.: 09/982,663

Filed: October 17, 2001

For: Three-Side Trimmer

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

1. Claim status - originally filed claims 1-8 are cancelled, and claims 9-54 are new claims and are presently pending.

2. Please amend the above referenced patent application by inserting a claim of priority into the specification, first page, immediately above the Background of the Invention. The "Clean Version" for this claim of priority is on the following page. The "Marked Up" version for this claim of priority is appended to this preliminary amendment. Applicant does not believe this claim of priority adds any new matter to the application.

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